

LOCAL NEWS.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10.

For this evening clearing and fair weather, with a wind and warmer, fair weather on Thursday.

CITY COUNCIL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A bare quorum was present in the Aldermen's chamber last night at the appointed hour of meeting, and after the board had been called to order business seemed scarce, and several recesses were declared.

After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and their approval.

Mr. Bryant offered a resolution providing that when Council adjourn it be to meet again on the second Tuesday in January, 1891. The resolution was adopted.

Some papers which had been sent on by the Common Council were then received and the action of that board on the same concluded.

It was not requiring the Auditor to keep a list of deaths occurring within the city limits and making it obligatory upon undertakers and others to obtain burial permits before interring bodies was received from the lower board and laid over till next meeting.

The board adjourned early hour adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The Common Council had a quorum at the hour of assembling and President Sweetland presided over the meeting.

The Finance Committee reported in favor of reducing the rent of the Long Wharf from \$275 and to \$125 per annum.

Mr. Snowden explained that Mr. Rosenbaum was not now carrying on a business, but owned the property to store his machinery, and that the reduction was therefore recommended by the committee on Finance.

Mr. R. J. is introducing an ordinance providing for the registration of deaths, the registration of burials, &c., said that such an ordinance was needed here to protect the public interest by preventing illicit interments and, also, to secure a sanitary registration. The law proposed was similar to that of Washington and had been submitted to Health Officer Davis and City Attorney Brent and approved by them.

The ordinance was adopted.

The application of Mr. P. Oriskany for a license of the railway switch from the lot at the southwest corner of Wilkes and Royal streets, and to a discussion in which it was decided that the switch was on private property and the subject was referred to the committee on streets.

In introducing a resolution of the Board of Trade in favor of a new municipal census, Mr. Fisher said that there was a single census which showed that the federal census, taken in 1880 and 1890, 950,000 had been built here, and the increase of 100,000 souls reported by the federal enumerators would give one person to three houses. He thought that the census should be corrected as soon as possible and the progress of the city shown.

Mr. Snowden suggested a reference to the committee on police, as in other cities the municipal census is, as a rule, taken by them, and well-taken, by the police.

The resolution was referred to the committee on finance and the committee on general laws jointly.

Board of Supervisors.—The Board of Supervisors of the county met yesterday at the Court House. Present, Frank Hunter, F. S. Cornett and W. G. Wilson. Contracts for building and keeping in repair the county roads were given out as follows:

The section from Chain bridge to near Vanderwerker's residence, to A. P. Grunwell, for \$100 per mile; from Aqueduct bridge to military road, near Hampton Dye, to R. A. Phillips, for \$100 per mile; from Hampton Dye to Fairfax county line near E. A. Grunwell's residence, to Wm. N. Feby, for \$100 per mile; from Aqueduct bridge to Fairfax county line near John E. Feby's residence, to J. W. Veitch and Wm. H. Turveyson, for \$90 per mile. Contracts will expire on the 30th of June, 1891.

Work to be done under regular public licenses and the Commonwealth's Attorney, J. E. Clements, was directed to draw said contracts setting out specification in full and to execute the same with the contractors on behalf of the board. Notice was given that the Columbia turnpike, now a county road, and the roads in Jefferson District would be given out under contract at the first meeting in January, 1890. The board certified to the court that \$300 was necessary in Washington magisterial district to build and repair certain bridges in that district.

Operation Attorney S. G. Brent appeared before the board on behalf of the city of Alexandria and made demand for a portion of the hundred dollars expense for paying around the county court house and jail, which had been paid by the city. The members of the board expressed themselves against the payment of any part of the bill, but took no action upon the matter except to continue it; some of the board thinking that this was a good way for the city to force the removal of the court house into the county.

After the transaction of considerable routine business the board adjourned until the second Tuesday in January next.

Fire.—The alarm of fire shortly after 9 o'clock last night was caused by the burning of the interior of the building on the west side of Fairfax street, between King and Cameron, owned by the estate of the late E. French and occupied by Mr. C. M. Griffin as a barber shop and residence. Mr. Griffin closed his shop shortly before 9 o'clock, leaving everything all night, as he supposed, and soon retired. He was awakened by hearing something fall in the shop below, and then one of his children ran into his room and said the house was on fire. The fire was gained rapidly and before they could be

subdued by the firemen, who promptly responded, the first story of the building was completely gutted and all the barber's fixtures, &c., destroyed. Two of Mr. Griffin's children were sick and had to be taken from their beds to the house of a neighbor. The house was insured for \$2,800 in a company for which Messrs. Wise & Co. are the agents, and the furniture for \$300 and the barber's fixtures for \$250 in Messrs. Janney & Warfield's company. The damage to the building was estimated to be between \$500 and \$700, while the damage to the barber's fixtures and contents was \$1,000. The furniture in the house was badly damaged. Mr. Griffin says he lost a pocketbook containing about \$50 and that a gold watch belonging to his wife was stolen during the fire. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Mr. Griffin has been a constant sufferer by fire. His first wife and two children were on board the Warrent when she burned and they were drowned.

The "Word-Chain System"

of language teaching embraces, besides the best and most approved features of all methods now in existence, an original application of philosophical principles, which enable the student in a remarkable degree to acquire, in a comparatively short time, a practical knowledge of a foreign tongue.

Free lecture, demonstrating the system, at Palf's Hall, Thursday, December 11, at 4:30 and 7:15 p. m.

THE MERCHANTS in every other city but

Alexandria are advertising their business this year than they ever did before. The merchants have learned that advertising is the secret of business success and are putting by the knowledge they have acquired.

But few of Alexandria's merchants have yet acquired that knowledge—but they will after awhile—probably when it will be too late for some of them to take advantage of it.

ROYAL ARCADE.—At a regular meeting of Alexandria Council Royal Arcanum, held last night, the following officers were elected: Regent, Robt. Arnold; Vice Regent, O. F. Bargett; Past Regent, H. K. Field; Orator, E. J. Feby; Chaplain, J. I. Vance; Guide, T. F. Ballenger; Warden, D. H. Apple; Sentinel, A. D. Brockett; Secretary, J. E. Alexander; Treasurer, Thos. Moss.

PERSONAL.—Dr. E. H. Marsteller, U. S. N., who has been spending the past few months with friends in Prince William county, sailed from Hampton Roads yesterday on the Patrol, of which ship he is surgeon, for a cruise among the West Indies.

Mr. Henry McWilliams, who has been quite sick for the past few days, is out again.

OPERA HOUSE.—As will be seen by an advertisement in another column, George Wilson's Minstrels will appear here next Monday night. The entire Southern press unite in pronouncing the organization the largest and most complete minstrel company in existence.

If some enterprising fellow would now corner the market on Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup he could make his fortune. Beware of frauds.

"For I am declined into the vale of years," he said a little sadly, but indeed I don't much mind it since I can get Salvation Oil for 25 cents.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE BIG SHOW!

BEST OF THE SEASON.

OPERA HOUSE. JUST ONE NIGHT, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15.

Welcome to Alexandria.

GEO. WILSON'S MAMMOTH MINSTRELS.

Greater than ever before.

NOVELTY UPON NOVELTY.

100—GENUINE SURPRISES—100

Grandest First Part Ever Witnessed.

350 COMPLETE MINSTRELS IN EXISTENCE

Prices—25, 50 and 75c.

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OPERA HOUSE.

Coming! FRIDAY, 12th. Coming! LANHAM & MONROE WITH THEIR LATEST MINSTRELS.

Prices—25c down stairs; gallery 15c. 3t

HOLIDAY TRADE.

Liver Raisins, Valencia Raisins, New Currants, Mixed Nuts, New Citron, Cox's Gelatine, Nelson's Gelatine, Chambers' Gelatine, Dried Fruit Corn, Italian Macaroni, Armour's Minute Meat, Fancy New Orleans Molasses, Sweet Cider, French and American Sausages, Cooking Brandy, French Brandy, Cooking Wine, very old Sherry, Scotch Whisky and Pure Old Rye, Jamaica and St. Croix Rum, Pure New England Rum, Pass & Co's. Ale, Guinness Stout, Porter's Export Beer, Mum & Co's Extra Dry Champagne, Akron's Best Mead and Rolled Oats, Backett's Self-Raising Buckwheat Flour, Mixed Pickles, Sweet Pickles and Canned Goods, All at Lowest Prices.

W. A. JOHNSON & CO., dec 10 11t

By E. T. Lucas Auctioneer.

SALE OF FANCY ARTICLES, DOLLS AND CHRISTMAS GOODS AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

Notice is hereby given that, commencing on THURSDAY MORNING, December 11th, 1890 at 10 o'clock, at my sales room, No. 124 North Royal street, I will sell at public auction, a large and well selected stock of DOLLS, FANCY ARTICLES and a general line of goods suitable for the Christmas holidays. These goods are superior to any ever offered at auction in this city, and are equal to any which can be found elsewhere. The public is invited to inspect this stock, the goods will be sold without reserve. Sales will be continued day and night until the stock is closed out. Sales will be reserved for ladies, who are specially invited.

Terms: Cash at time of sale. Come and inspect these goods and if the quality and price are not satisfactory don't buy them. It.

E. T. LUCAS, General Auctioneer.

DYSON'S LITTLE STORE.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

THE LARGEST LINE OF BOOKS, CHRISTMAS CARDS AND BOOKLETS, GAMES AND FLOCKS, STATIONERY, ALL PRICES.

We are crowded with goods suitable for Xmas presents and they will be sold at the lowest prices. Come and look at what we have and if you do not see the article wanted ask for it and we will try and find it for you.

dec 10 2w S. F. DYSON, 509 King st

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

ATMORE'S MINCE MEAT, in half barrels and buckets is preserved QUINCES, PEACHES, PLUMS and STRAWBERRIES.

HOME-MADE CHOPPED PICKLE for the quart or gallon.

CALIFORNIA and LONDON LAYER RAISINS, whole, half and quarter boxes. Valencia, Moscatel and Sultanina Raisins.

GENUINE GENUA CITRON, FLORIDA and JAMAICA ORANGES, LEMONS and CRANBERRIES.

A full assortment of whole and pure ground SPICES.

dec 10 3w A. C. HARMON & CO.

ROYAL ADDERLY, CUT GLASS, DOULTON and EUBELSTADT make beautiful holiday gifts. For sale very low.

dec 10 E. J. MILLER & SON'S.

FANCY CUPS and SAUCERS from 8c to \$3 each at

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ROCHESTER LAMPS and PEARL TOP CHIMNEYS. Sole agents.

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SATSUMA and other JAPANESE WARE, FANCY WAX CANDLES, all grades, at

dec 10 E. J. MILLER & SON'S.

PIANO and BANQUET LAMPS—A new line just received at

dec 10 E. J. MILLER & SON'S.

TABLE and POCKET CUTLERY for sale at old prices, regardless of the large advances. Call and examine before purchasing at 328 King st.

dec 9 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

A FULL LINE OF INFANT and FACE POWDERS just received.

dec 10 E. J. MILLER & SON'S.

ERNEST L. ALLEN, Cor. King and Pitt sts., Alexandria.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

THE WORLD WELCOMES SANTA CLAUS AGAIN!

And every one is on the lookout for Christmas presents. To buyers of Holiday Gifts we announce our firm intention to please you, one and all, with the unusual opportunity we offer everywhere throughout our well-stocked line of

ELEGANT HOLIDAY GOODS.

We are now fully prepared to meet the demands of the season, and assure the public that visitors will be cordially welcome whether you wish to purchase or not; we shall be glad to entertain you with our charming exhibition of NOVELTIES IN PLUSH, LEATHER and SILVER (XIDIZED) TOILET CASES, SHAVING SETS, SMOKE SETS, COLLAR and CUFF BOXES, ALBUMS, MIRROR, Picture Frames, Fine Pocket Books and Card Cases, Gold Pens and Pencils, Pocket Knives, Opera Glasses, Matchless Trays, Inkstands in silver and brass, Paper Knives and kindred articles in bronze, porcelain, brass, olive wood and leather, elegant Cabinets of Writing Paper in plush and metal. We have on exhibition now our

FULL LINE OF FINE STATIONERY.

Ladies' Work Station, an immense assortment of fine imported Work Baskets, entirely new shape, Disque Figures, Vases, &c.

Our line of Portfolios cannot be surpassed in value and intrinsic beauty. These goods are in Morocco, alligator, seal and decorated canvas.

A FINE ARRAY OF BOOKS.

A rare treat to the lovers of fine Books and one may spend an almost indefinite time with pleasure inspecting an immense line of both standard and new works. The Books designed for the holidays seem more to be useful in workmanship and binding this year than ever before, well exemplifying the saying that bookmaking has become an art.

In Christmas Cards, Calendars and Booklets

The choice is infinite, there being no size, style or price of steel engraved prints, both tinted and in monochrome, that cannot be found at this place.

HOLIDAY GAMES and BOOKS should not escape notice. They surpass anything of the kind known in previous seasons.

LARGEST LINE OF TOYS ever shown in this State.

A choice line of HIGH ART NOVELTIES; an entirely new departure from the old hackneyed styles; beautiful in appearance, salable in character and moderate in price. We are headquarters for these lines.

Remember, we have the best of everything for Christmas, complete in assortment, splendid in quality; also the greatest variety of fresh, new styles, making the matter of selection an easy and pleasant recreation. We will be pleased to see you.

GEORGE E. FRENCH'S SONS,

417 & 419 King street.

LOCAL BRUTITIES.

Silk hats are to be a little higher—in price. No business of importance was transacted in the Corporation Court to-day.

Mr. R. J. Washington a few days since killed an ox about four miles west of here as they flew over his house in Westmoreland county.

The police report last night as having been cloudy and cool with even lodgers and one prisoner at the station house. The only case before the Mayor this morning was that of Sonny Sutherland, charged with an assault on Louis Galiner, which was continued.

Rhine Division U. R. K. of P. have given up their rooms in Sarcophagi Hall and hereafter will meet for business meetings monthly at the Castle Hall of O'Connell Lodge K. of P. beginning with to-night. This division has been driving weekly for the past three months at Armory Hall and has attained great proficiency in the various evolutions.

The grand ball and levee to be given by Oriental Lodge K. of P. at Armory Hall to-morrow night, promises to be a success in every particular. The management will endeavor to make the occasion a pleasant and enjoyable one for all who may attend. Mayor E. E. Downham, will be the master of ceremonies.

A number ladies held a meeting in the Christ Church Lecture room yesterday to make arrangements for the dinner to be given to the mothers and children on New Year's day. The committee will work in the city in a few days, to receive donations. It is hoped they will be kindly received and liberally aided.

Women troubled with headache, will find Simmons Liver Regulator reliever and cures.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure

This is beyond question the most successful Cough Medicine we have ever sold, a few doses invariably cure the worst cases of Cough, Croup and Bronchitis, while its wonderful success in the cure of Consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine. Since its first discovery it has been sold on a large scale, but which no other medicine can stand. If you have a cough we earnestly ask you to try it. Price 10c 50c, and \$1. If your druggists are gone, direct, or back home, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro., Agents.

My own family medicine—Simmons Liver Regulator.—Rev. Jas. M. Ralston, Fairfield, Va.

A Scrap of Paper Saved Her Life. It was just an ordinary scrap of wrapping paper but it saved her life. She was in the last stages of consumption, told by physicians that she was incurable and could live only a short time; she weighed less than seventy pounds. On a piece of wrapping paper she read Dr. King's New Discovery, and got a sample bottle; it helped her, she bought a large bottle, it helped her more, brought another and grew better, healthy, strong, weighing 140 pounds. For fuller particulars send stamp to W. H. Cole, Druggist, Fort Smith. Trial bottles of this wonderful Discovery Free at E. S. Leadbeater & Bro's.

If you have over-indulged in eating or drinking take a dose of Simmons Liver Regulator.

For an unpopular Preserver, the remedy is the ballot; but for impure Blood A. B. C. Alternative.

We have a speedy and positive cure for catarrh, diphtheria, croup, mouth and throat, SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY. A nasal injector free with each bottle. Use it if you desire health and sweet breath. Price 50c. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro., agents.

Why do you endure the agony of Dyspepsia? Simmons Liver Regulator will always cure you.

Fits, spasms, St. Vitus dance, hysteria, headache, neuralgia and nervous prostration cured by Dr. Miles' Nervine. Free samples at druggists, by mail 10c. Miles Med. Co., Elkhart, Ind.

SHILOH'S VITALIZER is what you need for Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Dizziness, and all symptoms of Dyspepsia. Price 75 cents per bottle. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro., agents.

A medicine endorsed and used by physicians and druggists—Simmons Liver Regulator.

There is much in good blood; but if born of bad blood, "A. B. C. Alternative" is the only remedy.

A BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY.

OR

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.

We have received during the past week a well selected assortment of goods in China, Bisque, earthenware, Worcester, Adderly, Doulton, and Eubelstad Glass as well as a beautiful line of Brass Lamp Goods, including Parlor, Library, Banquet, and Piano Lamps, fitted with the celebrated Rochester Burners. We have marked all at very low figures, and feel confident that the same goods cannot be bought for less. We would be pleased to have you call, get our prices and examine these goods before you purchase your Christmas Gifts, and we shall take pleasure in showing our stock. Please call to see us.

dec 10 E. J. MILLER & SON.

PEREY'S HARNES OIL SOAP.

Three sizes—\$1, 50 and 25c sizes; the finest article in the world for harness. For sale by

dec 27 W. F. CREIGHTON & CO.

PAINT YOUR OWN BUGGY—Just received the following new line of Colors: (olive Green, Ponceau, Ecru, and Jet Black. Call for sample. For sale by

jan W. F. CREIGHTON & CO.

Congress.

In the Senate yesterday, Senators Berry and Daniel spoke against the force bill. Mr. Berry said:

"At a time of profound peace, at a time when the scars of civil strife had healed and its bitterness passed away, at a time when the relations of the people of the several States were becoming more and more extended and complicated, and when the ablest and best men of the Southern States were seeking to find a remedy for the evil that surrounded them, this bill was brought forward to disturb harmony and to inflict an injury on business relations."

Mr. Daniel addressed the Senate in opposition to the bill. He quoted from Mr. Hoar's speech last August, that the bill struck at the North as well as at the South, and also recited the motto placed at the head of that speech: "Shall We Keep Faith With the People?" and said that, whether sincere or not, that was a striking battle cry. The people had read that speech and had answered it. All of the thirteen original States had upon it the fiat of their condemnation. The State of Massachusetts, at which he struck, in contrast of its local affairs and its time-honored customs, had given him its answer, and he did not wonder that the Senators from Massachusetts should be so impatient, by some method or other to have the country taken from the presence of the Senate. Who, he asked, demanded the passage of the bill? Not the farmers of the country, for in their Convention at Uxbridge, they had just previously unanimously agreed; not the colored people of the South, for they had, through their various representative bodies, declared that they did not wish the bill to be passed because it would disturb the kindly relations that time was establishing between the races. He closed his speech with the declaration that the language which the American people speak is the only one that has in it the word "self-government," but that, when this bill shall become a law, the declaration should be amended and the word "self-government" should be changed from a vocabulary which had no longer the intonation of liberty to which it applied. He said that Mr. Hoar had entered into a combination with a word-hoarder (John F. Davis) to bend over to a corrupt judiciary the course of a people's election.

As stated in the Gazette, Chairman Dannel, of the House committee on the eleventh census, introduced another report on Monday which fixes the number of members after March 3, 1893, at 356, on a basis of 173,901 of population for each member. Of the gains 17,901 in states usually accounted republican and 17 in democratic States, a net republican gain of 10.

DRY GOODS.

HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS.

1890.

For many seasons past we have had an unusual trade in useful and beautiful articles for sale to our business, and this season we have made extensive preparations in these, and believe that this advertisement will contain many useful hints to purchasers. The variety is so large that the mention of each article is necessarily brief.

Housefurnishings.

Choice Damasks, Good Napkins, Fine Napkins, Towels in all grades, Napkins and Damasks to match.

Carpet Department.

Carpet, Fur, Smyrna and Moquette Engg, especially beautiful White, Gray and Black Skins. In these we have goods entirely orderless. Carriage Robes in Goat and Wolf Skins.

Curtains and Portieres

Table Covers—These are specially rich and choice this season, and make handsome presents. Lace Curtains from \$2 to \$7—all new and very cheap. Special bargain in Chenille Portieres at \$5.50. Fine Table Covers.

Nothing makes more acceptable presents than FINE BLANKETS. These we present in unusual variety and specially choice. The best brands of California and Minnesota goods at prices from \$7.50 to \$15.

Fine Satine and Eider-Down Comforts.

MUFFS, FURS, FUR CAPES in Hare, Cone, French Seal, Wool, Seal and Astrachan. Muffs in Hare, Cone, Wool, Seal, Astrachan, &c. CLOAKS, JACKETS, &c.

During December in our

TAILORING DEPARTMENT

To close out a line of Suits and Overcoats we will make up in the best style six pattern Suits, at \$25, at \$20; twelve patterns, prices from \$30 to \$34, at \$25; four Overcoats, prices \$28, \$31, \$33 and \$34, at \$25 each.

TOWN PRICE.

TACKETT & MARSHALL.

FANCY GROCERIES.

10 CASES

CANTON GINGER

POTS, HALVES AND QUARTERS.

For sale low by

G. WM. RAMSAY.

FANCY

Florida Oranges

AND

MALAGA GRAPES.

For sale low by

G. WM. RAMSAY.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

Below we make mention of a few to assist you in making a selection.

PLUSH ALBUMS,

PLUSH WORK BOOKS,

SHAVING SETS,

MANICURE SETS,

WRITING DESKS,

GLOVE and HANDKERCHES,

WHISK HOLDERS,

LINEN HANDKERCHES,